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Commissioner for Patents  
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RE: APPLICATION OF JOHS ET AL., TITLED "ELLIPSOMETER OR  
POLARIMETER AND THE LIKE SYSTEMS WITH BEAM CHROMATIC SHIFTING  
AND DIRECTING MEANS";  
SERIAL NO.: 10/613,051;  
FILE DDATE: 07/07/2003;  
ART UNIT: 2877;  
EXAMINER: PHAM H.

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT OF RESTRICTION

Dear Sir;

I am in receipt of a Restriction Requirement dated 11/03/05.

The Examiner has identified four Groups of Claims:

- I. Claim 1;
- II. Claim 2;
- III. Claims 3, 4, 21; and
- IV. Claims 5-19, 20, 22 and 23;

and required an election.

Applicant provisionally elects to pursue the Group III  
Claims 3, 4 and 21 as Amended herein, with Traverse. The  
Examiner's attention is directed to the language in Original  
Claim 3, on Page 72 starting 7 lines from the bottom of the  
page), which states:

such that in operation the Source of electromagnetic  
radiation (ZQTH) provides spectroscopic electromagnetic  
radiation to one end of said optical fiber (ZOF)

and on Page 73, beginning in Line 9:

said electromagnetic radiation reflected from said beam  
chromatic shifting and directing means (ZCM) being then  
caused to pass through focusing lens (ZFL) and enter  
spectrometer (ZSPEC) which comprises a multi-element detector  
system;

The point being that Claims 3, 4 and 21 are directed to a

Spectroscopic Ellipsometer just as are the Group IV Claims. That is, it is ~~is~~ believed that Claims 3, 4, 21, 5-19, 20, 22 and 23 are all properly ~~classified~~ classified in the same Class 356 and Subclass 369.

Following herein is a listing of all Claims, with Claims 1 and 2 indicated as abandoned, in this Application, and with New Claims 24 and 25 added. It is believed that no Fees are due in view of the Cancelation of Claims 1 and 2.

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